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Faith CONNECTIONS

You are invited to the



Fun
Games
History
Music
Cake Walk

Sunday,

September 21, 2008

4:30 – 6:30PM

Check in on
Cornerstone Courtyard

Casual supper & Fellowship

\$5 per person or
\$20 for families of 4 or more

Call or email Kerry Spera in the church
for reservations at
(847) 234-6250
kspera@firstchurchlf.org

Don't miss this very popular
season opener! It's a great
way for kids to get to know
each other and for their
parents to do the same!

RECOGNIZING
THE POWER OF CHRIST
TO TRANSFORM LIVES,
THE CORE MISSION OF FIRST CHURCH
PROCLAIM CHRIST'S MESSAGE
PROVIDE A COMMUNITY OF SPIRITUAL NURTURE
& PROMOTE GOD'S VISION OF JUSTICE

FIRST SUNDAY @ First Church Sunday Evening Supper & Worship

FIRST TIME: **October 5, 2008**
6:00 supper 7:00 worship

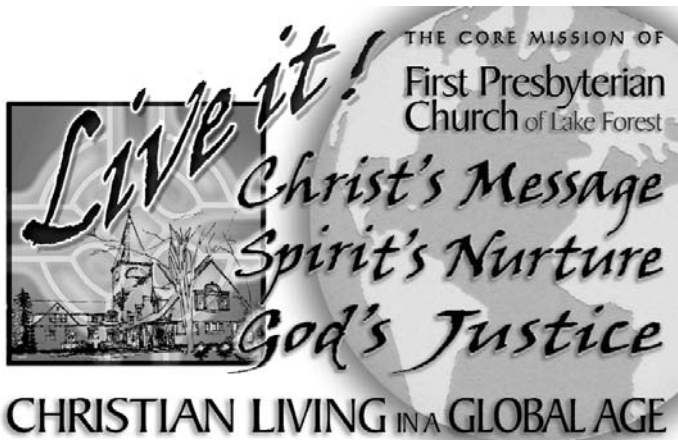
In our complex, time-challenged lives, even the best intentions to worship can be derailed on Sunday morning. Beginning on October 5, First Church is offering an additional opportunity to worship at 7:00PM on the first Sunday of each month. **This new service welcomes weekend travelers, empty nesters, high school students, families, Lake Forest College students and any and all who wrestle with other demands for the traditional Sunday morning worship slots.**

Did someone say dinner? It's true! Come as you are for a light supper at 6:00PM in Fellowship Hall prior to the service in the sanctuary sponsored by the Parish Life Committee. There will be ample opportunity for conversation, seeing friends and simply enjoying each other's company.

Reverend Chakoian will preach at the evening service on October 5 which is **World Communion Sunday**. Originally a Presbyterian observance, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America established World-wide Communion Sunday in 1940 as a global, interdenominational event. On this day, Christians from all backgrounds and theological traditions remember and celebrate that we are "one in Christ" and that communion is shared at God's table - not our own.

The service will include 'world music' to inspire our recognition of World Communion Sunday; a day when men, woman and children in all countries, in myriad languages, gather in schools, fields, straw huts, private homes, wooden shacks and stone cathedrals to praise God. In this metaphorical version of global worship we can envision being joined at table with Christians worldwide. In fact, Reverend Corey Nelson will be in Tanzania that very day and returning to share his experiences with us.

Yes...you do have time for this.



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Dear friends,

What does it mean to be "good"? We know there are measures of "good" in sports, in business, in investments, in school – but what does it mean to be good ... for goodness sake?

This is a universal human question, and it turns out that we are hard-wired to pursue it. Harvard psychology professor Steven Pinker writes:

"Today, a new field is [unmasking] a sixth sense, the moral sense. Moral intuitions are being drawn out of people in the lab, on Web sites and in brain scanners, and are being explained with tools from game theory, neuroscience, and evolutionary biology. ... The human moral sense turns out to be an organ of considerable complexity Morality is not just any old topic in psychology but close to our conception of the meaning of life. Moral goodness is what gives each of us the sense that we are worthy human beings."

(For the entire article, go to <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/13/magazine/13Psychology-t.html>)

There are countless moral issues, but five in particular emerge in every culture in the world. As anthropologists like Richard Shweder and Alan Fiske have discovered, "People everywhere ... think it's bad to harm others and good to help them. They have a sense of fairness: that one should reciprocate favors, reward benefactors and punish cheaters. They value loyalty to a group, sharing and solidarity among its members and conformity to its norms. They believe that it is right to defer to legitimate authorities and to respect people with high status. And they exalt purity, cleanliness and sanctity while loathing defilement, contamination and carnality."

These five areas – harm, fairness, community, authority, and purity – may be universal tendencies, but big differences emerge in how exactly these morals are worked out in every day life. Pinker points to the Japanese fear of nonconformity (community), the dietary restrictions of Hindus and Orthodox Jews (purity), the outrage at insulting Mohammed among Muslims (authority). He says, "In the West, we believe that in business and government, fairness should trump community and try to root out nepotism and cronyism. In other parts of the world this is income prehensible – what heartless creep would favor a perfect stranger over his own brother?"

So ... what does it mean to us to be good? September 28 launches a five-week series exploring this crucial question. I don't pretend to have all the answers. But I'm excited to be exploring our Christian moral compass with you.

Every blessing,

Christine Chakoian

Sunday Worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Sunday School at 9:00

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Sanctuary Choir at 11:00AM

Third Grade Bible Sunday

Exodus 16: 2-15

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 & 11:00AM Worship

Sunday School at 9:00

Reverend Christine Chakoian

Eggs Benediction at 9:00 & 11:00AM

Luke 7: 36-50

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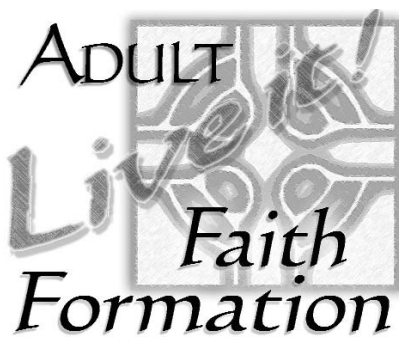
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Saturdays [Sept - May] 8:00-noon

PROMOTE GOD'S VISION



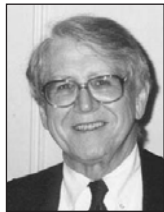
The Uninsured and the Underinsured Problems & Solutions

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest
and the Protestants For The Common Good

September 25, 2008

7:00 - 9:00PM

SPEAKERS



Reverend Al Sharp
Executive Director, Protestants for the Common Good

National Perspectives - **Dr. Quentin D. Young, MD**
Chairman, Health & Medicine Policy Research Group
National Coordinator of Physicians For A National Health
Program (PNHP)



National Perspectives - **Dr. Steven Potsic, MD, MPH**
Regional Health Administrator,
U.S. Department of Health
& Human Services, Retired

State and Lake
County Perspectives
Ms. Susan Garrett
State Senator (D) - 29th District



Lake County Perspectives
Mr. James Zimmerman
Executive Director, HealthReach Inc.,
Waukegan, Illinois

Reverend Corey Nelson
Associate Pastor, Mission,
First Presbyterian of Lake Forest



Over the past 30 years, the number of uninsured in America has doubled from approximately 22 million in 1976 to 47 million today. Who are they? Fifty per cent are full-time workers; 25% are children; 20% are out of the workforce (students, part-timers, home-makers, retirees), and only 5% are unemployed. 20% of the uninsured in America today are immigrants and nearly one-half of all immigrants in our country are uninsured.

SOME "MYTHS" ABOUT THE UNINSURED INCLUDE:

Myth #1: "The uninsured get the care they need."

The risk of premature death among uninsured Americans is 25% higher than Americans with health insurance. Eighteen thousand Americans die each year because they are uninsured.

Myth #2: "I'm not affected, so it's not my problem."

The problems of health services, quality and access facing insured people increase when the proportion of uninsured people in their local communities is greater. In other words, uninsurance is threatening everyone's access to care.

Myth #3: "We can't afford to cover the uninsured."

Can we afford NOT to cover the uninsured?

This forum will take an in-depth look at the uninsured in our country and in Lake County. Who are they? What problems do they have? What problems do they present for the communities in which we and they live and work? What social justice issues are involved in making decisions about the uninsured? What, if anything, can we do about the uninsured?



A SMALL GROUP MINISTRY DEVOTED TO
READING & DISCUSSING CLASSIC WORKS
ADDRESSING BASIC ISSUES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

Christian Ideas examines the Just Society

The Christian Ideas group resumes its weekly discussion sessions on Tuesday, September 23. In keeping with this year's worship theme, readings will focus on social justice - the Christian concept of a just society.

Christian Ideas uses a reading and discussion format. There is a reading schedule, usually about two hours per week, followed by discussions on Tuesday evenings. The readings are selected to span the wide variety of Christian (and some non-Christian) thinking on the theme at hand.

Social justice will be explored by readings that start with Socrates' musings on the just society within (a short extract from) Plato's Republic. An extended set of scripture selections will include Deuteronomy, selections from the Old Testament prophets, Jesus' teachings in the Gospels, and early church practices from Acts. St. Thomas More's Utopia and Orwell's Animal Farm will introduce the application - and misapplication - of ideas of justice into societal structures. We will conclude with exploration of government and human rights, from Hobbes to Locke to contemporary church teachings and government proclamations.

New participants are particularly welcome. The group has found, over the past year and a half, that this material can be read and understood by typical adults.

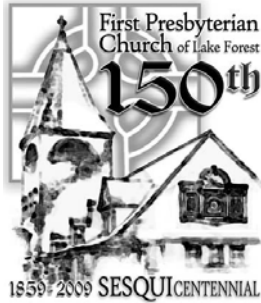
Specialized education is not necessary - just a willingness to read and the curiosity to explore ideas. Despite the occasionally intimidating readings, the discussion is structured so that each of the participants emerges with an understanding of the works and how their ideas relate to our Christian faith today.

Watch the bulletin for details. For further information, contact Kevin Warnke at warnke@sbcglobal.net.

PROVIDE SPIRITUAL NURTURE

LUNCH BUNCH

meets Friday, September 26 at noon. Jeanne Lane and Tim Christie, co-moderators of our 150th, will outline the many activities surrounding our celebration. After that overview, we will turn our eyes toward nearby Triangle Park.



Your homework?

Which trees witnessed all events of the past 150 years?

Where did that goofy deer come from?

And how much does the boulder drinking fountain weigh?

Contact Kerry Spera to make your reservation at kspera@firstchurchlf.org or (847) 234-6250. Lunch is \$5.00 at the door. All are welcome!

IN MEMORIAM

Howard A. Stotler died on August 25, 2008. Mr. Stotler joined the church in 1976. He loved and supported music in the church through the Sanctuary Choir and in the community including the Lyric Opera, Ravinia, ArsViva and the Lake Forest Symphony. He will be missed by his family, friends and many admirers. A service was held in the sanctuary on September 6, 2008 with Reverend Kent Kinney officiating.

Dorothy Ellen (Ware) Derderian died on September 2, 2008. Mrs Derderian joined the church in 1976. She and her husband George were faithful worshippers every Sunday through illness and health. She will be missed by her family, daughter Stephanie and grandson Paul and son Kevork and Rolanda and grandchildren Tiana and Kev. A funeral service was held in the sanctuary on September 8, 2008 with Reverends Kent Kinney and Christine Chakoian officiating.

BIRTH

We welcome *Matthew Parker Redmond*, born on August 25, 2008 to Kristin (Janson) and Michael Redmond. She is the first grandchild of Vandy and Ken Janson.

Audrey Lee Adamo, born on September 3, 2008 to Greg and Kristen Adamo, granddaughter of Bruce and Sue Johnson and great granddaughter of Pat Johnson.

Worship & Study Series 2008 - 2009 CHRISTIAN LIVING IN A GLOBAL AGE

GOALS:

- to explore the 3rd Great End - Promoting God's Vision of Justice
- to equip and encourage people in daily Christian ethical, moral living
- to offer a balance of action and reflection
- to promote the formation of distinctly Christian identity.

September. 7 - 21: Life's Global Positioning System

Sept. 7:	Genesis 1-2	Life's GPS Part I: The Map Keeps Changing
Sept. 14:	Exodus 14: 19-31	Life's GPS Part II: We're Not the First
Sept. 21:	Exodus 16: 2 -15	Life's GPS Part III: Instructions Keep Coming

September 28 - October 26: What Does it Mean to Be Good?

Sept. 28:	Luke 7: 36 -50	What It Means to Be Good: What is Pure?
Oct. 5:	James 2	What It Means to Be Good: What is Fair?
Oct. 12:	Matthew 5: 38-48	What It Means to Be Good: What is Harmful?
Oct. 19:	Matthew 22: 15-22	What It Means to Be Good: Who Has Authority?
Oct. 26:	Luke 10: 25-37	What It Means to Be Good: Who is My Community?

MEMBER CALLS FOR HELP

"Hey everybody! My name is Morgan Luttig, and once again I'm participating in the Kanakuk Ministries-Christmas in Haiti project. The hurricane impact on Haiti this year is a reminder to us of why this ministry is so essential, particularly this year in the wake of these storms. This organization helps orphan children by giving them a gift of a goodie-bag at Christmas filled with these items:

(2) bars of soap size 4.5 to 5.5 oz., (2) packages of sugarless gum, (2) packages of Lifesavers (or similar), (2) Tootsie roll pops, (1) toothbrush, (1) tube (4 oz.) toothpaste, a washcloth, and a teaspoon (since they often have to eat the rice and beans without eating utensils). I'm looking for donations from the church of any of these items. Also, the shipping for each bag is \$5, so a money donation along with items would be greatly appreciated. I've committed to donating 90 bags, so the more help and support I can receive, the more children's lives in Haiti are changed. I will pick up the donations from church on Friday, October 3.

Thank you so much, and God bless you!"

Work Trip for Iowa Flood Relief

DIG OUT YOUR WORK GLOVES AND JOIN US FOR A WORK TRIP TO IOWA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLEAN UP AFTER EARLY SUMMER FLOODS!

We head to Cedar Rapids over *Columbus Day weekend, October 10 to 13*. Our tasks include assisting in the cleanup and repairing damage from the early summer floods. All skill levels are needed. Westminster Presbyterian Church has graciously opened their building to us for housing.

We leave on Friday October 10 with a second group leaving early Saturday October 11. Bring your air mattress and earplugs - we will all be sleeping on the floor together. The cost is \$100 per person (age 13 and up) for transportation and food.

REGISTRATION FORMS, AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT DESK, ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15.

Opening 'DOORS'

One of Claire's virtues is tenacity. Early this summer, she was a finalist for the United Nation's 2008 Hero Youth Ambassador's program. However, for Claire, being a finalist for a mission experience was not actually doing mission. So in mid-June, she left for 8 weeks to Little Havana, a Hispanic community in Miami, Florida. Working with Door's Discern program (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection), one of the national sites of Presbyterian Church's Young Adult Volunteer Program, Claire facilitated mission groups who arrived to accomplish service comparable to our own Youth Group's work trips.

Claire was equally exhilarated and exhausted keeping everyone on-task and rotating between sites including food pantries, nursing homes and schools. Evenings were devoted to leading worship, group reflection and orientation.

"This experience has influenced my future. I'll explore issues of urban poverty and international development in college."

Claire Curran



In the midst of authentic faith building Claire had heart wrenching moments; like the night a homeless man turned up threatening suicide. Claire used her high school Spanish to entice him to share a meal. Despite her outreach, he later refused shelter. Haunted by what happened to him, she learned that evangelism has many challenges.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: <http://www.heroaction.org/>
& <http://doornetwork.org/discern.htm>
or Reverend Corey Nelson (847) 234-6250

Organ Recital

Jill Hunt, Director of Music/Organist of First Church, will present an organ recital at the Elliott Chapel of the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston on Monday, September 22, 1:30 p.m. This recital is a part of their "Gift of Music" recital series on the Dobson Pipe Organ in the Elliott Chapel on the 4th Monday afternoon of each month. Jill will play works by Duruflé, Alain, Bach, Bridge, and Stephen Paulus. Anyone is welcome to come to the recital. The Elliott Chapel is located in the Presbyterian Homes complex off of Golf Road between Crawford and McCormick in Evanston.

Children's Choirs and Women's Choir Begin This Week!

We are starting a new plan for our Children's Choirs this fall. Wednesday, 4:00-4:45 p.m. is the time and Wednesday, September 17 is the first day. Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, and a new Women's Choir will all rehearse at the same time and child care for the little ones will be provided. We are so happy to welcome Susan Noble as the director of the Carol Choir. The Women's Choir is for mothers and all women in the congregation who would enjoy the fun and fellowship of singing together. Here are the details:

Cherub Choir – K-1st grade
(includes children who are 5 by Dec. 1),
directed by Jill Hunt; meets upstairs in Room 219.

Carol Choir – 2nd thru 6th grades,
directed by Susan Noble; meets in the Choir Room

Women's Choir – any woman who would like to sing,
directed by Tom Tropp; meets in the Chapel

Childcare for under 5's in the nursery

BRING THE FAMILY AND JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 4:00PM

Youth Chorus Begins September 30, 7:00PM

The Youth Chorus is for students in grades 7-12 who are interested in musical participation in Sunday worship. The Youth Chorus, directed by Tom Tropp will rehearse from 7:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday evenings for 3 weeks before each Sunday they are scheduled to sing in worship. Any singer, whether a member of the church or not, who can attend at least two of the three rehearsals is more than welcome to join!

Our first Sunday to sing will be:

October 19, 11:00 service

Rehearsals on September 30, October 7 and 14

Presbyterian Women begins Bible Study

on the first and third Tuesdays,
10:45-12:00 starting **September 16**,
continuing October 7 and 21,
November 4 and 18, and December 2.

Contact AJ Woroch (847) 234-8861 or
Dawn Neal (847) 234-7632.

We gladly welcome everyone
whenever you can join us.
Each lesson is self-contained.

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Always looking for a new challenge, the dedicated rummage workers have been granted the temporary use of space at the 750 North Sheridan Road home that we own.

The house is unique in and of itself, and will be very full of furniture on the first floor (large furniture and children's furniture will remain in the church building). The basement will have linens and rugs.

This opens up available space in the Fellowship Hall level of the church, giving cramped departments like sports a little more room to operate. The furniture volume is exceptional, so if you know anyone looking for anything, direct them to this sale.

Volunteers are needed for set up on Wednesday, October 1 - Friday, October 3.

The worker's presale will be held on Friday, October 3 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

We welcome all who love rummage for set up, presale and/or sale day. If you are interested, call (847) 234-6250 ext. 235 and leave a message

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SUBMISSION DUE DATES
ARE THE 1ST & 15TH
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SUNDAY WORSHIP AT
9:00 & 11:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT
9:00 AM

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**THE RUMMAGE ROOM WILL
BE CLOSED ON
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
UNTIL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18.**

**NO DROP-OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED
DURING THAT TIME FRAME.**

**THE FALL SALE IS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4,
8:00AM TO 3:00 PM**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY,
NEIGHBORS, AND EVERYONE
ON YOUR EMAIL LIST TO COME
TO THIS FABULOUS SALE
THAT WILL BE FULL OF
FURNITURE, HOLIDAY
AND WINTER CLOTHING ITEMS.**